



Application No. 10/652,924
Response to Office Action

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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): H. KOYOMA et al

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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182
SUBMITTING OMITTED ITEM AND
REQUESTING ORIGINAL FILING DATE**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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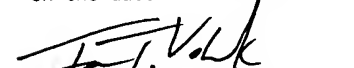
This Petition under 37 CFR 1.812 is responsive to the NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated July 12, 2004, a copy of which is submitted herewith as required by the NOTICE.

Submitted herewith is omitted Fig. 8 for inclusion in the originally filed application.

It is respectfully submitted that the submission of Fig. 8 does not constitute a submission of new matter and that the present application (including Fig. 8) is entitled to the original filing date of August 28, 2003 because Fig. 8 submitted

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Dated: August 31, 2004

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herewith is identical to Fig. 8 of the priority application JP 2002-251232, which is identified and incorporated by reference on page 1, lines 4-6 of the present specification (see the attached copy of Fig. 8 of JP 2002-251232). A certified copy of JP 2002-251232 was filed in the USPTO on August 28, 2003.

As explained in MPEP 608.01(p)(I)(B):

As a safeguard against the omission of a portion of a prior application for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or for which benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) or 120, applicant may include a statement at the time of filing of the later application incorporating by reference the prior application. See MPEP § 201.06(c) where domestic benefit is claimed. See MPEP § 201.13 where foreign priority is claimed. The inclusion of such an incorporation by reference statement in the later-filed application will permit applicant to include subject matter from the prior application into the later-filed application without the subject matter being considered as new matter (emphasis added).

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that Fig. 8 submitted herewith be added to the application, and it is respectfully requested that the application (including Fig. 8) be accorded its original filing date of August 28, 2003.

It is respectfully requested that this Petition for inclusion of Fig. 8 in the originally filed application and for the according of a filing date of August 28, 2003 for the complete application, be granted.

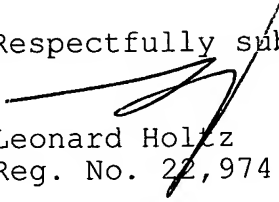
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